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SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: KOREAN QUESTION

1. SOUNDING MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN HE HAS AT ANY POINT DURING THE PAST YEAR, MOFA UN DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-PIN TOLD EMBOFF JULY 27 THAT NORTH KOREANS APPEARED TO BE IN A VERY POOR POSITION TO LAUNCH AN INITIATIVE AT THE UNGA THIS YEAR. HE NOTED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN WAS STILL IN PYONGYANG WHERE HE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SINCE MARCH. YI ADDED THAT A RECENT MOFA SURVEY OF ROK DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN COUNTRIES WHERE DPRK ALSO REPRESENTED HAD REVEALED IN MOST CASES NO NORTH KOREAN EFFORT TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS ON KOREAN QUESTION. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT
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THE NORTH KOREANS WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO ORGANIZE AND LAUNCH AN EFFECTIVE UNGA CAMPAIGN ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. YI POINTED OUT THAT LARGE COUNTRIES LIKE THE USSR AND THE PRC WERE CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING A MAJOR UN DIPLOMATIC EFFORT ON SHORT NOTICE BUT A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE NORTH KOREA NEEDED MUCH MORE TIME TO MOBILIZE AN EFFECTIVE EFFORT.

2. YI ALSO NOTED THAT THE EVOLVING COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE WAS NOT FAVORABLE TO NORTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT OF THE 14 SEATS WHOSE OCCUPANTS APPEAR TO HAVE GOOD PROSPECTS OF CONFIRMATION, EIGHT WOULD BE HELD BY COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO THE ROK, FOUR BY COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO NORTH KOREA AND TWO NEUTRAL. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES YI SAID HE THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS FOR AVOIDING AN UNGA DEBATE ON KOREA THIS YEAR WERE GOOD AND CONTINUING TO IMPROVE.
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